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Apparently this information comes through HATTORI Takushiro, though he is not specifically reported as the informant.

This report is significant as a correction to information previously given by [] paragraph 7, ZJL-771, which indicated that KAWABE Torashiro was collaborating with the Japanese government. The information in ZJL-771 concerning KAWABE's hopes of becoming future Defense Minister, may, nevertheless, be considered valid.

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Subject: Activities of KAWABE Torashiro

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Source: A high-ranking Kempeitai officer close to HATTORI.

1. KAWABE Torashiro (河邊 虎四郎), former general and present head of the KAWABE Kikan, is not taking part in the clearing of purged regular officers of the former Japanese army, as rumored. He would not do so even if he were asked, because he fears that the work might injure his reputation and lessen his prestige in the future.
2. Screening committee members in charge of de-purging regular officers were: KATSUKI (fmu) (香月), former Lieutenant General, SHIMOMURA Sadamu (下村 定), former Lieutenant General, SHIMURA Jo (飯村 稔), former Lieutenant General, KATSUKI Kiichi (辰巳 一), former Lieutenant General, MIYAZAKI (fmu) (宮崎), former Major General, and YAMAMOTO Shigeichiro (山本 茂一郎), former Major General.

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